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THE HON. SRI C. PERUMALSAMI REDDI :—" The following persons have been consulted :—

(1) The Associated Director of Health, Physics Division, Argonne National Laboratory, Chicago,

(2) Director, Queensland Radium Institute, Australia,

(3) Physicist in charge of Commonwealth X-ray and Radium Laboratory, University of Melbourne, Australia,

(4) Dr. Ralston Paterson, Director, Holt Radium Institute, Manchester."

DR. P. V. CHERIYAN :—" I have in my possession now a letter from the Chief Physicist, Melbourne University and he says that radon treatment is the best. That is the latest opinion."

THE HON. SRI C. PERUMALSAMI REDDI :—" Experts may differ. This is what is said by Dr. Paterson about the potentialities of the use of radium and radon in his well-thought out statement whether radium or radon should be adopted. He has given an extract from the book on the treatment of malignant diseases by radium and X-ray. In that, he says that radium is much better than radon."

Allegations against the President, Mupparru Panchayat Board, Eluru taluk, West Godavari.

* 99 *Q.*—SRI MOTHEY NARAYANA RAO (on behalf of Sri A. Govindacharyulu) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Food be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Hon. Minister and the Secretary to Government, Local Administration, the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards, Madras, and the District Panchayat Officer, West Godavari, Eluru, have received any petitions and representations, written and oral, containing serious allegations against Mr. Dasari Vandanam, President of the Mupparru Panchayat Board, Eluru taluk, West Godavari;

(*b*) whether the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards ordered the District Panchayat Officer, West Godavari, Eluru, under acknowledgments in his R.O.C. No. H4-32790/51, dated 8th June 1951 and R.O.C. No. 32790/51-H4, dated 24th August 1951, to conduct an enquiry into all the allegations contained therein after giving due notice to the petitioners and submit his report before 25th June 1951 and 10th September 1951;

(*c*) whether any enquiries have since been made in the manner and on the lines indicated therein and whether any report has been submitted before 25th June 1951;

(*d*) if so, from whom, when, where and by whom and on what dates the enquiries, if any, have been conducted, and if not, why not; and

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"(e) when the Panchayat Board of Mupparru was formed and how many presidents have been convicted or removed from its inception and what are the reasons for their conviction or removal from their respective offices?"

THE HON. SRI J. L. P. ROCHE VICTORIA :—"(a) Petitions in writing were received by Government and the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards only.

"(b) Yes.

"(c) The enquiries were made by the Deputy Panchayat Officer, Eluru. The report was not received by the Inspector before 25th June 1951.

"(d) The Deputy Panchayat Officer issued a notice to the petitioner Sri M. Kotaiah Nayudu to appear before him at the office of the Mupparru Panchayat on 14th September 1951 with his witnesses. The petitioner did neither attend the enquiry nor produce witnesses but suggested to the Deputy Panchayat Officer that he might himself summon some four persons to give evidence. One of them Sri Ganapati Venkatakrishnaiah, President, Pedapadu Panchayat, a resident of another village, namely, Nayudugudem turned up and deposed that he knew nothing of the matter. The Deputy Panchayat Officer's report was submitted to the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards by the District Panchayat Officer on 24th September 1951.

"(e) The Mupparru Panchayat was constituted in the year 1928. Of the six persons who came to occupy the position of president so far, two were removed from office for misappropriation of funds, and they were also convicted by a court of law."

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.

(1) GENERAL DISCUSSION OF THE BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 1952–53—*cont.*

MR. CHAIRMAN :—"The general discussion of the Budget will now proceed."

(At this stage, Dr. A. Lakshmanaswami Mudaliar, a member of the Panel of Chairmen, occupied the Chair.)

* MRS. M. N. CLUBWALA :—"Mr. Chairman, Sir, I first express my disappointment at not having many of our other Ministers on the Treasury Bench and I will miss telling them of their many defects and receiving their answers.

"Sir, our Finance Minister, the Hon. Mr. A. B. Shetty, has been described by Mrs. Hensman, my colleague, as sweet and mild, in the presentation of the Budget, either because it is a four-months budget or because the mild and sweet Minister for Finance has not been very helpful in budgeting anything under Miscellaneous for